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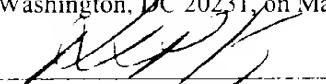
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Duff et al.)
Application No.: 09/247,874) Art Unit: 1632
Filed: February 10, 1999)
For: *Therapeutics and Diagnostics Based*) Examiner:
on a Novel IL-1B Mutation) Schnizer, R.
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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 8, 2000, and to supplement the Response filed March 2, 2001, Applicants submit the following remarks in an effort to put the claims in condition for allowance and/or to reduce the issues on appeal.

REMARKS:

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